

Jobs as Passports Help State Girls See World

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Michigan girls take along their skis, bathing suits, walking shoes and appetites when they go abroad to work. They know that half the glamor of a foreign job is the chance to sight-see on the side.

From an embassy secretary in Paris to a professional swimming star, the young women agree that living abroad is an eye-opening experience.

HAPPY PEOPLE

No matter that the secretary's MG gave her "golfer's blisters" from stiff-shifting gears and had its bumper partly torn off in Paris traffic—without it she never could have bartered in a Florentine market on her vacation or heard the monks sing high mass in a Perugia monastery.

No matter that the swimmer's "Aquapade" show folded in Switzerland—without it she never would have learned to love the "happy people" of Italy.

The Paris secretary is Kitty Carey, daughter of the Matthew Careys, 365 University, Grosse Pointe. Twenty-four-year-old Kitty, a Cornell graduate, was working for Central Intelligence in Washington when the grapevine yielded word of the Paris opening. Kitty promptly got herself transferred to the diplomatic service and went overseas.

In her little red and black car she has toured France, Italy and Austria, taking frequent excursions (\$19 round trip) to the London embassy to visit a Washington friend. Next month she and her mother will meet in Paris, spend two weeks in Spain. Kitty has resigned her job and will return to the United States in April.

But right now she is seeing Europe. Her letters report her impressions of life on the Continent. On a steeplechase, "The only trouble with French races is that they are so artistically done that it is difficult to see the entire race, but I could see the finish and see my horse come in way last."

ABBEY HAWKERS

On the abbey at Mt. San Michel: "An amazing place, and if you can recover from the shock of seeing two million ash trays, mirrors and other souvenirs, it is completely medieval. It does give the same impression as Mackinac Island does—a great Arab bazaar and the street up to the abbey is so narrow that the hawkers practically grab you as you go by."

And on her car: "Have been taking careful notes on how to beat the Paris traffic. Have decided the only solution is good insurance."

Like most girls in government service, Kitty works some week ends to accumulate leave, and reaps the double benefit of American and French holidays.

INS BERTH

A friend of hers, Elizabeth Lind, daughter of the Muir Linds, 590 Mohegan, Birmingham, has just returned from a year in Paris as secretary to the European general manager of International News Service. Only 22, she spent a month in Spain, was in England for the coronation, visited Majorca, Italy, Belgium and Switzerland.

"I met foreign correspondents from all over the world. The job was fascinating and stimulating," she says, "and I got it after combing Paris for employment."

Stranded in Europe when her swimming troupe folded near Basel, Switzerland, Evelyn Wallis, 1445 Mullane, is not at all disillusioned with foreign glamor. "Italy is just like a dream world," she said, "and the people are so happy with what little they have."

The show closed after a run in Germany, where the people "simply don't have money for entertainment. The house was always empty. But I'd like to go back to Italy if I could get something in my line of work."

VEGAS RECRUIT

A member of Southwestern High School's swimming team before her graduation, 23-year-old Evelyn was dancing in Las

Vegas when an Italian producer recruited her for the water show.

Twenty broke American girls from the troupe came back tourist class on the Ile de France, spent a merry Christmas aboard ship despite their seasickness and unemployment worries.

Three of the girls stayed behind in Italy, another in England.

A program director for an Air Force base recreation center in Landstuhl, Germany,

Gloria Koch, 23, got her job accidentally. Daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Otto Koch, 422 Seneca, she was traveling in Europe with a girl friend a year ago when an Army officer in Wiesbaden offered them jobs to start work immediately.

The girls said no, thanks, they wanted to spend a month in Italy. The officer groaned, "Come back after you've spent all your money touring and I'll give you a job." They did.

HIRES TALENT

Gloria auditions and hires talent for floor shows at the base, plans programs to entertain the men. Her New York girl friend maps tours for the men on their off-duty time. With a third girl they helped open the brand-new, mammoth air base which was "carved out of the forest."

"You awake to the tune of hammers and saws, or 'hip, hip, hip' as the men parade to chow or bayonet-drill outside the windows," Gloria cooed. The girls helped place the barbecue pits, horseshoe and croquet courts on the base.

A commercial art major yearning to begin her career in that field, Gloria planned the complete color scheme for the lounge, kitchen, card rooms and dance auditorium. She also sketched humorous murals for the table tennis room. The girls helped them over to a German artist to complete.

SIDE TRIPS

Like Kitty Carey, Gloria saves her days off toward side-trips around Europe. She is coming home in June, in time for her brother Gordon's graduation from Eastern High School, but first she will tour southern Italy, Caste, Greece, Egypt and North Africa, returning through the Mediterranean for Majorca and Spain. She'll see Scandinavia "if there's time" and fly home from Paris.

A Saginaw native who went with her job to Belgium is Betty Winterstein, secretary to Ambassador Fred M. Alger Jr. Daughter of the C. F. Wintersteins, Betty, 26, was Alger's private secretary when he served as Michigan secretary of state and he offered her her old job, in Brussels instead of Lansing, when his ambassadorship was announced.

FRENCH HYMNS

"The statement that nearly everyone in the shops and hotels can speak English is over-exaggerated," Betty wrote. "I am starting French lessons, which may help a little. I just got back from church—I met everybody in church but couldn't talk to any of them. It seems so odd, saying the Lord's Prayer and singing songs in French."

About the embassy office, Betty remarked: "The desks have no drawers and the chairs are so modern you can hardly sit on them. However, Mr. Alger has ordered some new typist's chairs at least."

"The office building itself is very nice but was designed for a tropical climate. In all of the offices on the top floor, one wall is entirely window space."

A first-grade teacher attached to an Army post at Baumholder, Germany, Anna M. Mullan, 25, of 1377 Dexter, is a member of Youth Hostel, has bicycled to Austria, Belgium and the Netherlands. She is first grade at Winship School here for two years before going overseas last

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